



Springfield-Greene County
Health Department
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Animal Control Program Overview

Animal Control in Springfield

Historical Timeline:

- 1860- Tax on dogs established. \$1 per family.
- 1873 – All terrier rat dogs (pure bred) are exempted from this tax.
- 1880 – Marshal ordered to cease killing dogs until a suitable burying ground is established.
- 1884 – Ordinance established to restrain dogs.
- 1905 – Ordinance passed making it a misdemeanor for any person to fail to give up a dog to a licensed inspector for not paying license fee.
- 1913 – City attorney ordered to prepare an ordinance providing for muzzling of all dogs between May 1st and September 1st.
- 1918 – Ordinance passed providing for the euthanasia of all female dogs not spayed which are found running at large.
- 1953 – Ordinance passed requiring that all dogs be vaccinated against rabies.
- 1954 – City impounder is transferred from the Police Department to the Health Department.
- 2006 – Pitt bull ordinance enacted.
- 2007 – Animal control program is expanded into the urban service area of Greene County.

Today.....

Our program is staffed by nine officers, a shelter custodian and a contract shelter worker.

The shelter is located north of Springfield adjacent to the old Northwest sewage treatment plant.

The current shelter was constructed in the 1970s and the building utilized to house cats was constructed in the 1930s.



...and coming soon!

Our shelter expansion



Our commitment to the future

We fully recognize that our role has evolved. We are committed to working with the community to develop strategies that will result in fewer animals suffering from abuse and neglect while never losing sight of our core mission.



**Vision: To help Springfield-Greene
County Animal Control reach no-kill
status by 2020**

**Mission: To lead a collaborative
effort to end pet overpopulation in
Greene County**

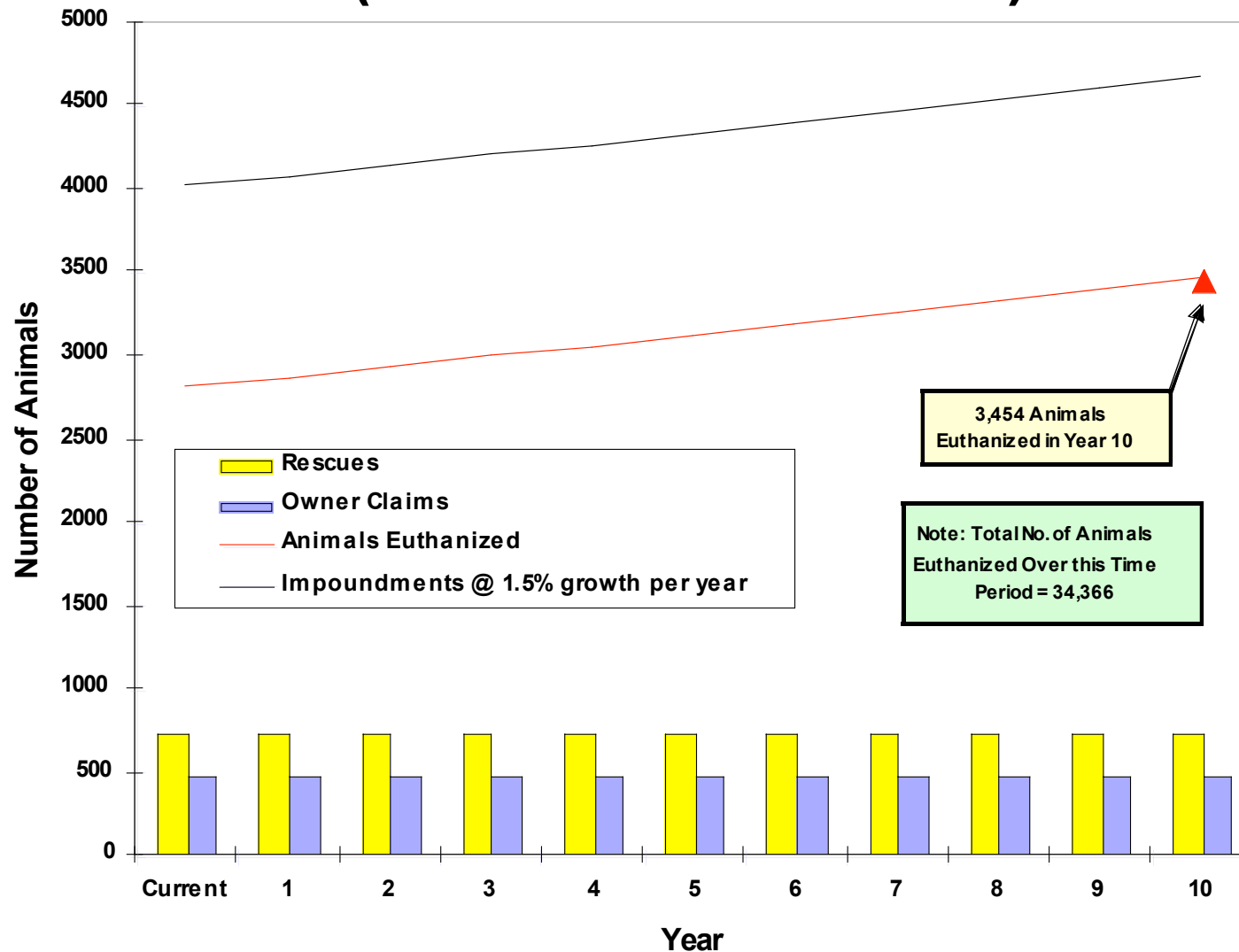
The Numbers for FY2007

- Impoundments = 4016*
- C.A.R.E. Rescues = 733 (18%)
- Owner Claims = 474 (12%)
- Euthanized = 2729** (68%)

* Growth rate in impoundments is projected to be 1.5% per year.

** Total impounded does not necessarily equal the total dispositions due to animals carried over at the end of fiscal year.

What Will Happen Over the Next 10 Years if Nothing Changes (Based on FY07 Data)



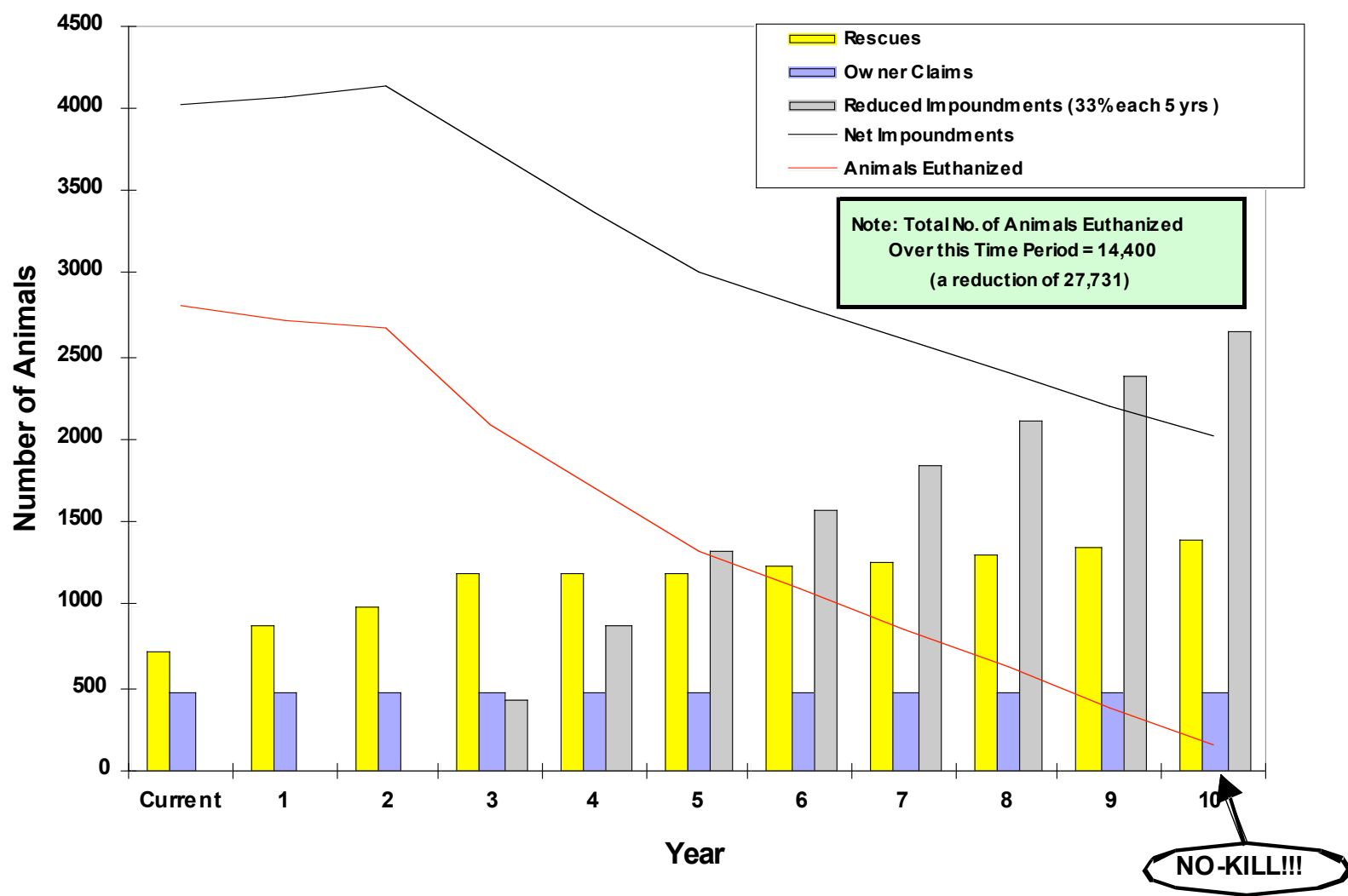
What Will It Take to Achieve No-Kill in Springfield/Greene County?

- **Reduce Incoming Impoundments**

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- **Increase Rescues / Adoptions**

The Road to No-Kill (Based on FY07 Data)



Assumptions Used in No-Kill Chart

- Rescues can be increased from FY2007 level of 733 to 1200 within 5 years. After that, rescues are increased 3% per year.
- Owner claims are held at the FY2007 level of 474 for the entire 10 years.
- Incoming impoundments are held at FY2007 level of 4016 (+ 1.5% growth per year) for 2 years. After that, incoming impoundments are reduced by 11% per year for 3 years to achieve 33% reduction in the 5th year. After that, incoming impoundments are reduced by 6.6% per year to achieve another 33% in the next 5 years.

The Road To No-Kill

- **Reduce Incoming Impoundments**
 - Provide low-income owners with spay/neuter
 - Behavior Program / Education Program
 - Feral / Free Roaming Cat Program
 - Focus on prevention of pet overpopulation to reduce animal control issues
- **Increase Rescues/Adoptions**
 - Springfield Animal Adoption Facility (SAAF), a multi-purpose adoption center/medical clinic
 - All pets available for adoption will be spayed or neutered. Further reduces potential impoundments.

Springfield Animal Adoption Facility (SAAF)

- What It Includes

- A high volume adoption center with adoption rooms/playrooms where an interested party can take an animal to spend time with it and fill out adoption paperwork.
- A high volume (3000+ per year) spay/neuter clinic with recovery area
- A quarantine area to isolate and treat incoming animals before they are made available for adoption.
- Office space and a meeting room
- Education Room/Auditorium
- Open outdoor interior courtyard for exercise and hands-on education

- What It's Not

- A long term care facility for animals
- A euthanization facility

Springfield Animal Adoption Facility (SAAF)

**Estimated Floor Space =
15,000 to 18,000 square feet**

- Adoption Center
 - 75 animals available for adoption
- Quarantine Area
 - 150 animals housed from 3 weeks to several months.
- Vet Clinic
 - 3000 spay/neuters per year.
 - Private practice to attract a vet.

Adoption Center Features



A Pleasant, Professional Exterior



Quarantine Area



Medical Clinic



Courtyard Kennel



Visiting Rooms



Adoption Viewing



Dog Kennels

Here's What the City Can Do Now

- Education to reduce incoming impoundments
 - Spay/Neuter to reduce pet overpopulation.
 - Tagging, Micro-Chipping Your Pets
 - How to rescue your pet from the pound
 - Pet Care Ordinances
 - Food, Water, Shelter
 - Anti-Abandonment
- Increase Rescues / Adoptions
 - Low cost lease of city building for quarantine / vet clinic facility
 - Spay/neuter grant to increase rescues